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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Encourages Voter Participation in the November 8th Special Statewide Election

Election Information Available On Line at www.ss.ca.gov

Sacramento, CA --- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today encouraged all registered voters to participate in Tuesday's Special Statewide Election and outlined resources to inform voters about the ballot issues and assist voters in finding their polling places.

"Voter preparedness is vital to a smooth and successful Election Day," said Secretary McPherson. "I encourage Californians to carefully review in advance the state ballot issues that will be decided on Tuesday, November 8th. Entering the voting booth fully informed will reduce delays and ensure the best possible voting experience."

On Tuesday, polls throughout the state will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Peak voting times usually occur in the morning hours before work (7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.) and after traditional work shifts end and until the polls close (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.). Registered voters who have questions about the location of their assigned polling place can call 1-800-345-VOTE (8683) or contact their county elections official. Contact information for county elections offices is available on the Secretary of State's website, www.ss.ca.gov.

In addition, the *Official Voter Information Guide* contains comprehensive information on the eight propositions that will appear on the November 8th ballot. The official title and summary, complete text, fiscal impact and arguments for and against the measures are included. The *Official Voter Information Guide* also includes a pullout reference guide containing summary information for each proposition and voters can take it with them to the polls on election day.

Voters using the convenience of voting by mail are reminded that the county elections office must receive their absentee ballots by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. If voters have not mailed their absentee ballots back by Friday, Secretary McPherson encourages voters to hand-deliver the ballots to the county elections office or return it in person to any polling place within the county.

Important Things to Know Election Day

1. **Don't worry if a voter's name cannot be found** – If a voter's name is not on the roster of voters, they have the right to vote a provisional ballot or they can choose to get directions to the correct polling place in their neighborhood.

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2. **It's okay to make a mistake** – If voters make a mistake on their ballot when voting, they have the right to exchange that ballot for a new one.
3. **Ask for help** – If voters need help using voting machines, finding their correct polling place or getting a provisional ballot, they should ask the poll workers.
4. **Don't leave without voting** – If voters are waiting in line when the polls close at 8 p.m., they still have a right to vote.
5. **Voters have rights** – The Voter Bill of Rights is posted at each polling place, in the *Official Voter Information Guide* and at www.ss.ca.gov. If any of the listed rights have been violated, voters should contact a poll worker, their county elections office, or submit a complaint to the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-345-VOTE (8683).